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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 2132

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SUBJECT: HAITIAN "REFUGEES" AT GUANTANAMO

REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 2120

1. THE USS WILLIAM V. PRATT DOCKED AT PORT-AU-PRINCE AT 9:00 A.M. DECEMBER 14, WITH THE NINETEEN HAITIAN NATIONALS WHO WERE STRANDED AT GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE ON BOARD.

2. THE HAITIANS WERE MET BY FOUR OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HAITIAN RED CROSS AND GENERAL BRETON CLAUDE, COMMANDER OF THE DESSALINES BATTALION. ALL NINETEEN APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD SPIRITS.

3. GENERAL CLAUDE TOOK THE HAITIANS TO DESSALINES BARRACKS FOR ROUTINE QUESTIONING, WHICH HE SAID WOULD LAST TWO OR THREE HOURS. HE ASSURED THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY WOULD THEN BE RELEASED. THE HAITIANS WERE ACCOMPANIED TO DESSALINES BY THE RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE. THEIR BOAT IS BEING UNLOADED  
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FROM THE USS WILLIAM V. PRATT THIS AFTERNOON (DEC. 14).

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